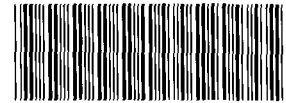


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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: M. C. Broussard, Environmental Restoration, Bldg. T893B, X6007

FROM: *M.B. Murdock*  
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SUBJECT: PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO BE APPLIED TO PREVENT INADVERTENT FUTURE WETLANDS IMPACTS - MBM - 021- 96

On February 15, 1996, a front-end loader damaged a wetland that had been identified as a jurisdictional wetland by the U. S. Army Corps of engineers in the December 1994 "Rocky Flats Plant Wetlands Mapping and Resource Study" report. During subsequent occurrence investigation meetings, it was determined that preventative measures should be developed to raise awareness of Site employees to help avoid future incidents. In a cooperative effort by Rocky Mountain Remediation Services (RMRS) groups including Surface Water personnel, the Buffer Zone Coordinator, Accelerated Actions personnel, and Ecology personnel along with Kaiser-Hill, Smith/Riedel, and Dyncorp Occurrence Reporting personnel, have developed the following preventative measures strategies:

- Ecology will write a short notice/article, with Kaiser-Hill, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and DOE, RFFO input, to be published in the "Crossroads" informing all plant personnel that wetlands must not be disturbed. This explanation will include such information as a definition of a wetland, information on wetlands locations, circumstances to avoid, the regulatory driver, where a wetlands map can be obtained, and information source contacts.
- Ecology and Geographical Information Systems Groups are currently revising the Site road map, including all Buffer Zone roads. Once the map is completed, it will be widely distributed across the Site to inform field personnel of the current road closure status. The map and memo will include a clear statement that personnel are prohibited from driving in wetlands without special written clearance from Ecology to do so.
- The regulatory summary report "Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Wetlands Summary" prepared by RMRS Ecology will be distributed at Buffer Zone Plan of the Day meetings, and the Buffer Zone Coordinator will be supplied a shelf copy of that report.
- Ecology will interface with the Buffer Zone Coordinator to ensure that a specific prohibition against driving in wetlands is added to the Buffer Zone Rules.
- Ecology will contact the General Employee Training (GET) coordination to try arrange addition of wetlands awareness training to GET training.
- Ecology would like to place road closure signs on old tracks in wetlands. The signs are available, but there is currently no funding available for such an action.

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